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Leaning forward in the foxhole, 513th prepares for war



Photos by Cpl. Brian Lamar

Above: Sgt. Justin Macewen, a soldier in the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade fires his rifle down range during an NBC firing exercise.

Right: Sgt. 1st Class Adrian Wheeler, checks marksmanship score sheets at the range.

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CSM's CORNER

Living the Army Values from day to day

By CSM Carnell Draughn
513th Command Sgt. Maj.

Several years ago, the United States Army created seven values which we commonly call "The Army Values." The values, also referred to as the "Big Seven" are Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless-Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage. The values address how soldiers should always conduct themselves. Each word is powerful and in turn connotes something special. We are definitely living at a time when these values should become dear to the hearts of every soldier in this great army.

Like most new things, many soldiers were quite resistant to the values and questioned why one would attempt to dictate how they should behave. Personally, I use the values as a reminder of proper conduct on and off duty, and the values have proven to be quite useful. Every soldier is required to carry an Army Values card in his or her wallet or purse daily.

On the reverse side of the card is a five paragraph "Soldier's Code" and a section where soldiers can annotate his or her signature. The signature indicates that he or she clearly understands what is required of them and that they will abide by the code.

In addition to the values card, soldiers must wear an Army values tag around their neck.

This tag is attached to the short chain of the soldier's Identified Tags or what is commonly referred to as the "dog tags." The card and the tag are meaningless to a soldier who does not know the meaning of each value and apply them to their lives daily. Just like many oaths and creeds that



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we supposedly live by, the words are hollow if we do not abide by them.

I tend to associate many things to the game of football, as it is one of my favorite sports and I am an avid sports fan. In a sense, football is a good analogy for the way that the U.S. Army is structured. Football is a team sport, not an individual sport like boxing, golf or tennis.

Football, like the military involves a team effort. All seven army values center around teamwork and a team effort. With this great country at war, teamwork is the key to achieving victory. The values that jump right out at you are Loyalty, Duty, Selfless-Service, Integrity and Personal Courage. If you will notice, I only omitted the word "Honor." The word Honor applies to living up to all the Army Values. I will address the word "Loyalty." Several years ago, the National Football League created something called "Free Agency." Free Agency enabled players to move from one team to an-

other based on which team owner was willing to pay the most money.

Loyalty went "out the window" almost overnight. Before free agency, football players identified with their respective teams (ex. Vikings, Buccaneers, etc.) and were proud to tell anyone of their team affiliation. After free agency, it is quite common for a player to play for four or five teams during a ten year career. They follow the money and there is no team loyalty. Soldiers should be proud to serve with a particular unit and in turn identify ourselves with that organization. Furthermore, soldiers should possess some form of loyalty to the unit with which you serve.

According to our Army Values, the word Loyalty means "bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, your unit, and other soldiers." At a time when you are badly needed by your country, this great army, your respective unit and the soldiers around you, think about Loyalty when you decide you no longer want to be a member of your unit. Think about Loyalty when you are exhausting all means necessary to get out of both your unit and the Army.

Think about all seven Army Values as you walk around daily in your uniform. Do not just memorize the values, but live them also. Be proud to tell anyone that you're a member of the best military fighting force in the world. Do not run away from a challenge, run to it. Of the three types of people in the world, always strive to be one of those that "make things happen."

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Senior NCOs lead, way with Hooah training

Story and photos By Cpl. Brian Lamar
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When a soldier states "NCOs lead the way!", there is a good reason for it. NCOs are the backbone of the Army, according to Vincent Myers, the former CFLCC Command Sgt. Maj.

When a job or mission has to get done, most times NCOs are in the scheme of things executing plans that officers have made.

One of the most important and time consuming jobs of NCOs is training.

Over 200 senior NCOs of the ranks E-8 and E-9 got together to stay on top of NBC proficiency by getting out in the trenches and doing some hard training.

Long before sunrise, the NCOs gathered in front of the Camp Doha flag pole to render a salute to reveille and start the arduous training which was about to ensue.

Wearing DCUs, boots, flak vests and protective masks, the formation began a quick paced three-mile run.

Halfway through the run Myers yelled "Gas! Gas! Gas!" and protective masks were donned.

"I think that it was hard not having caught my breath before I put on my mask and still having to run more after it was on," said 1st Sgt. Hilsa Hernandez. "I was expecting them to have us put it on at some point though," she added.

After running about two-thirds of a mile with masks donned, Myers had formed everyone into groups of five. Four sol-



Above: Command Sgts. Maj. Robert Irvin and Carnell Draughn run with flak vests and DCU's while carrying protective masks, which will be used later in the run during a simulated gas attack. **Below:** soldiers enjoy a game of football afterward.



diers had to work together with masks on and carry one soldier who was a simulated casualty for about a half a mile.

"Wearing the mask was the easy part for me, but carrying other soldiers was hard," said Master Sgt. Bernard Robinson, a soldier in HHC 513th Military Intelligence Brigade.

After the run was complete Myers made a few remarks and announced that they will take off their masks and play football. The E-8s were against the E-9s.

The score was tied up 2-2 at the sound of the buzzer.

After all the training that morning Myers stated that everyone did well and he emphasized the importance of NBC training.

"Understand that even if you do everything right you probably will still lose some people. So it is important to know that NBC training is serious and you should do everything you can to prepare for the next few months," Myers said.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Lamar

Myers leads the run while protective masks were donned.

World



Powell confronts allies

By Barry Schweid

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary of State Colin Powell pressed reluctant allies Friday to threaten Iraq with force to disarm and not be taken in by “tricks that are being played on us.”

“The threat of force must remain,” Powell said after U.N. inspectors reported some cooperation from Iraq but said they did not have a complete account of Iraqi weapons programs.

“We cannot wait for one of these terrible weapons to turn up in our cities,” Powell said, as he told the U.N. Security Council that Iraq was strengthening its links with terror groups.

“More inspections - I am sorry - are not the answer,” Powell said.

But the secretary ran into stiff resistance. France called for extended inspections and another report on March 14, and several other nations on the council supported that proposal.

On the other hand, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, reflecting his government’s firm backing of the U.S. position, urged all 15 members to “hold our nerve in the face of this tyrant,” President Saddam Hussein.

With Powell looking on, French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin said force should be only be used as a last resort. “The option of inspections has not been taken to an end,” he said.

National



Wal-Mart Faces Lawsuit Over Sex Discrimination

By STEVEN GREENHOUSE

An ambitious discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart, the nation’s biggest employer, accuses it of favoring men over women in promotions and pay.

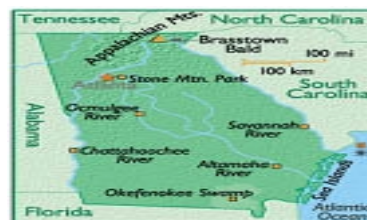
The plaintiffs’ lawyers want the lawsuit to include all 700,000 women who worked at Wal-Mart from 1996 to 2001, which would make it by far the largest employment discrimination class action in American history. The lawyers plan to file their motion for class certification in April.

The lawsuit, filed in 2001 in federal court in San Francisco, focuses largely on one statistic compiled by plaintiffs’ experts: in 2001, the suit claims, women made up 65 percent of Wal-Mart’s hourly employees but only 33 percent of its managers.

The suit also claims wide disparities in pay. In a study released early this month, Richard Drogin, an emeritus statistics professor at California State University at Hayward hired by the plaintiffs’ lawyers, found that full-time women hourly employees working at least 45 weeks at Wal-Mart made about \$1,150 less per year than men in similar jobs, a 6.2 percent gap. Women store managers, he found, made an average of \$89,280 a year, \$16,400 less than men.

Local

Fort Gordon



Group will try to shield Ft. Gordon

By Sylvia Cooper

U.S. Rep. Charlie Norwood came to Augusta on Friday to organize an effort to keep Fort Gordon from being a target of military base closings three years from now.

Mr. Norwood, R-Ga., and representatives from the offices of Sens. Zell Miller and Saxby Chambliss met with Augusta Mayor Bob Young and five community leaders to form the CSRA Alliance for Ft. Gordon. The group is charged with planning related to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

The effort must be taken seriously because there have been four BRAC Commissions in the past and Georgia has held on to its 13 military facilities.

“And I promise you there are going to be people from Calif. and N. H. who think it’s our turn. So we’re going to be set up by others trying to protect their base. That’s going to be tried and may be successful.”

At that time it will come down to which base Georgia will lose.

Fort Gordon will be on the list.

“Our goal is to make sure Fort Gordon is not at the top of the list.

“So I’m the only one that’s totally biased,” he said. “The hell with the rest of them. My job is to protect Fort Gordon.”

TRAINING NEWS

513th soldiers stay prepared with training

Story and photos by Cpl. Brian Lamar
Mirage editor

Hoping for a future conflict with Iraq is not a thought of a sane man, but preparing for one is on the minds of thousands of sound-minded American soldiers. The 513th Military Intelligence Brigade is definitely preparing for such an event.

There are many items on the list to “train up” on for HHC, 513th. Some of these items are directed from the brigade commander others at the company level.

“Guidance is sent down from the brigade commander all the way to the company commander’s level. Then the plan is pushed out and executed by the senior leaders,” said 1st Sgt. Tony Johnson.

Training has been a big part of HHC’s mission here and it has been taking up a good chunk of time.

“We train a lot. You can never get enough training in an environment like this one,” said Sgt. Justin Macewen.

The importance of this training is evident to some soldiers more than ever now.

“We do this training to stay prepared for a conflict and to gain more confidence and proficiency with our equipment,” said Johnson.

With a possible conflict with Iraq in mind, HHC still feels that some training is more important than others.

“NBC is the key since it is the biggest threat to us now. Our primary focus in training is geared toward knowing our



Photo by Cpl. Brian Lamar

Above: Spc. Gabriel Voigt, Pfc. Kevin Smith and Spc. Rocky Natividad all work together during company training. This training teaches them how to assemble and erect a OE254 radio antenna. **Below:** Sgt. Justin Macewen checks out his shot group during zeriong on the M-16 range.



NBC protective equipment, how to decontaminate ourselves and how to detect a chemical agent. We can never get enough NBC training. That is what will save our lives,” Johnson explained.

Since HHC has been in country they have conducted several types of NBC training, first aid training, Global positioning

system training, setting up an OE254 radio antenna system, off road driving with night vision goggles and many other things. In the future the company plans to train with more weapons systems and continue to retrain on all common combat tasks that they can.

“I feel more comfortable with my knowledge of first Aid and NBC,” Said Spc. Luis Hernandez.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Lamar

Capt. James Wille conducts a class on proper use of the PLGR GPS system.

NEWS

Army uses premier UAV the “HUNTER”

Story and photos by Cpl. Brian Lamar
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Many units in the military have missions that are essential to the total Army's mission. Co. A 224th Aviation Battalion is one such unit that is preparing to play a vital role in what some experts are already starting to call it, “The largest conflict this decade”.

Though it is the first time this company has ever been deployed in the Southwest Asia area of operation, they are already setting the standard by combining the best of aviation and military intelligence. The



The Hunter Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

224th Renegades provides video imagery and conducts retransmissions to the CFLCC.

By using a system comparable to the Air Force's Predator “drone” Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, the Army conducts its mission with a UAV called the “HUNTER”.

“The Hunter is a very capable aircraft, but the main advantage that we have over the Predator (Air Force) aircraft is the fact that the Hunter system can have a request for imagery and we can already have an aircraft up and running within two hours,” said Staff Sgt. Jason Castleberry, an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Operator (96U) for Co. A 224th.

“The Predator has to have days in advance to get up and running and collecting imagery. It also takes days to get that imagery from the Air Force. The Hunter can have it out to the right channels almost immediately,” Castleberry added with

a look of pride on his face.

Although the Predators statistics show that it can out gun the Hunter, the Hunter is a force to be reckoned by the enemy.

The Predator can go farther, but doesn't have real-time imagery capability. The Hunter does have this ability. Because of its real-time ability, within seconds, it can send imagery to key leaders for important decision making. It can also call in Artillery strikes with pinpoint accuracy, according to Castleberry. “A nice feature about the Hunter is that it can bounce OE254 radio antenna system signals from one antenna to another,” said Castleberry.

Although smaller missions and practice runs have been going very well, there are a few difficulties that Co. A has been running into.

When Co. A got to Kuwait they quickly realized the terrain was excellent for collecting imagery, but were having a lot of unexpected trouble from the dirt and sand.

“It is a lot easier to train here. In Fort Polk there are a lot of trees to hide targets. Here there are no trees. There is nowhere for the enemy to hide from us,” Castleberry explained with a smirk.

“Our biggest problem in this country is getting parts for the UAVs that the dirt and sand damaged,” he said.

Although Co. A does a good amount of work, it could not be accomplished without a signal support company that helps them relay all the intelligence imagery that they have collected.

The 385th Signal Co. distributes all of the imagery to the higher echelons that use it for war planning. The system used is called a TRIBAND.

“This system that we use meets any needs that anyone could want communication wise,” said Sgt. Angelo, a communications specialist with the 385th.

SPORTS

513th run past opponents for second place

Soldiers put up fight in the camp Doha flag football league in January



Photos by Cpl. Brian Lamar

Above: A soldier in the 297th tries to “joke” the defender during an earlier round of the championship tournament.

Left: The Knights prepare their strategy in the huddle before the next drive.

Below: Staff Sgt. Jeffery, a 29th MI Bn. soldier slides left past a defensive back. The Knights finished the tournament in second place.



TRAINING NEWS

MI soldiers Get real-live EOD training

Story and photos by Cpl. Brian Lamar
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When soldiers are blessed with good training it can be very rewarding beneficial. Those soldiers will be ready to do their job when things get hot.

For several soldiers in the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion who were able to get hands-on with a mission that was both training and real-world at the same time, bettering their abilities to do their job was at the forefront of their mind.

On Jan 15, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Berry, Sgt. 1st Class Brian Field, Capt. Karl Nell and 1st Lt. William Turner, all soldiers with the 203rd, were notified about a cache of 55 artillery rounds, which were unearthed by a bulldozer, and traveled to Arifjan Ammo Supply



Above: Whipple observes the explosion while others duck for cover.

Left: Field answers questions about the rounds that were uncovered.

Below: Kisosondi carefully places rounds that were sorted from the others for intelligence value.



Point to see what was there. When the soldiers arrived at Arifjan on Jan 16, they meet with Staff Sgt. Whipple, an EOD specialist with the 766th Ordnance Co., 3rd Ord. Bn. From there they went to see the rounds that were discovered.

"This is a pretty big find. I am sure we will find a lot out here before every thing is over, but so far this is the biggest find we have come across," said Sgt. Kisosondi, a soldier with the 766th.

The rounds that were found were buried just a few feet under the ground in Styrofoam containers.

"When we are moving the rounds it is dangerous so we have to be extremely cautious," Whipple explained.

Being safe was the main concern for the EOD specialists who were to uncover the rounds.

"We had to remotely remove the rounds by getting far away using a rope," said Whipple. The soldiers tied the rope around each individual round then pulled them out of the Earth from a far away sheltered area.

Five of the rounds had parts that were not immediately recognized. Those rounds



were taken by the 203rd soldiers for future examination.

The origin of the rounds need to be accounted for. The United States military wants to know who is selling what kind of rounds to which countries, according to Sgt. 1st Class Brian Field.

"This was a great day today with these guys. I learned a lot and these guys just potentially saved I don't know how many lives," Field said.

Facts about combat taxes

Courtesy of Capt. Judy Boyd

513th JAG

You've left your family and friends, deployed half-way around the world, and trained for months to be ready for any contingency operation. But are you ready for this operation—OPERATION TAXES? There will not be a tax center in Kuwait this year to assist with tax filing so it is up to you to take care of your taxes. Here are some tips to help you survive this tax season.

Armed forces members who served in a combat zone are allowed additional time to take care of tax matters (called a "deadline extension" below). All 513th MI Brigade soldiers deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom should be serving in a qualifying combat zone, regardless of their specific geographical location during the deployment. The deadline for taking actions with the IRS is extended for at least 180 dates after the later of:

1. The last day the taxpayer is in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area (or the last day the area qualifies as a combat zone), or
2. The last day of any continuous qualified hospitalization for injury from service in the combat zone

If the IRS takes action regarding your taxes or send notice of examination before learning that you qualify for a deadline extension, you should return the notice with "COMBAT ZONE EXTENSION" written across the top. No penalties or interest will be imposed for failure to file a return or pay taxes during the extension period. The IRS, however, will pay interest on a refund due from the due date of the return if the return is timely filed after applying the deadline extension.

Spouse of individuals who served in a combat zone are entitled to the same deadline extension, whether joint or separate returns are filed.

The deadline extension provisions also apply to certain civilians serving in a qualified hazardous duty area in support of the U.S. Armed Forces, such as Red Cross personnel, accredited correspondents, and civilian personnel acting under the direction of the U.S. Armed Forces in support of those forces.

Consult IRS Publication, *Armed Forces' Tax Guide on the IRS Forms & Publications web site*, <http://www.irs.gov/forms/pubs/pubs.html>, for more information. In January 2002 the IRS established a toll-free number, 1-866-562-5227 that military members and their family members who are affected by the combat zone rules may call to discuss any federal income tax matter. Also, the IRS created a special e-mail address, combatzone@irs.gov, to receive inquiries from taxpayers in a combat zone.

Doha Chapel Services

Camp Doha

Protestant

Friday:.....11 a.m.

Sunday:.....10:30 a.m.

Catholic

Thursday:.....4:30 p.m.

Friday:.....3:30 p.m.

Sunday:.....12:30 a.m.

Episcopal

Friday:.....8 a.m.

Latter Day Saints

Friday:.....2 p.m.

Gospel

Sunday:.....7 p.m.

Orthodox

Friday:.....9 a.m.

Saturday:.....8 p.m.

Sunday:.....7:30 a.m.

Jewish

Friday:.....6:30 p.m.

Camp New York

Catholic

Sunday:.....9 a.m.

Latter Day Saints

Tuesday:.....7:30 p.m.

Sunday:.....1 p.m.

Protestant

Sunday:.....10:00 a.m.

Camp Udairi

Protestant

Sunday:.....9 a.m.

Catholic

Sunday:.....11 a.m.